Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Year 2

Please read this curriculum newsletter carefully, it explains what we will be covering this half term in all subjects.

English

Speaking and Listening

This year, children will be encouraged to speak articulately and in full sentences. There will be plenty of opportunities within the curriculum for the children to explore the English language and become confident speakers to different audiences. This will be supported by their reading opportunities within school, which is supported by Read, Write inc phonics.

Reading

Initially, some children will continue to develop their phonics skills through daily phonics lessons. We will then begin to include regular whole class guided reading lessons, linked to the phonics lesson, to continue to develop reading skills. Children will be heard read at least once a week, but we encourage reading at home regularly.

Writing

This term, the children will be learning cursive handwriting throughout daily handwriting lessons and English lessons. The children will also be developing accurate letter formation and use of capital letter and full stops.

Maths

The maths topics we will be covering this term are place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. Children will improve their understanding of tens and ones within our place value unit. This will support the children as we move onto addition and subtraction where the children will be taught and encouraged to use strategies involving tens and ones to solve addition and subtraction calculations. We will then look at grouping and sharing to develop multiplication and division skills. Each lesson begins with an anchor task, a hook for the children to show what they already know and to deepen their learning through questions and concrete resources. The children are encouraged to do Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars at home to help them with their maths.

Science

In Science, we will be focusing on animals, including humans, and living things and their habitats. This will involve studying different species of animals and classifying them. We will also be looking at how humans use their five senses, what it takes to have a healthy body, how different animals eat different things and the different habitats that animals live in, and particularly different forests around the world.











Geography In Geography, we will be focusing on the topic 'The UK'. The children will explore simple compass directions (North, East, South and West). We will also be using directional language for example near and far, left and right. The children will be sorting and naming human and physical features in their local environment and local area.	**Art** This half term, Year 2 will be learning about *still life* in art. The children will explore how to look closely at everyday objects and use different techniques to show shape, detail, and colour. They will have the chance to experiment with line and shading and create their own still life artwork inspired by famous artists.
Music In music, children use their voices to expressively and creatively by singing songs, speaking chants and rhymes. They will play tuned and untuned instruments musically and have the opportunity to experiment with, create, select and combine using sounds using music and instruments.	**RE** The children will be learning about Judaism and the celebration of Hannukah and why Hannukah is important to Jewish people. The children will be learning about the Holy book Jewish people follow and who they worship.
RSHE This half term, Year 2 will be learning about how our brains help us, and how to look after our feelings. We will explore how to recognise when we feel worried and who we can ask for help. The children will also be thinking about their responsibilities in class and school, the rewards and consequences we have, and what makes our classroom and school a great place to learn.	**PE** For PE this term the children will be doing Dance. During this unit the children will develop facial expressions to music showing emotions such as fear and anger. Begin to use spatial and dynamic choices in work. They will also develop their skill in providing feedback and respond to feedback. Please remember PE is on Monday and Friday. Children must come to school in their PE kit. A PE kit consists of a white t shirt, black/navy blue shorts/joggers and black pumps. No brands!
Computing This term we will be focusing on E-Safety. We will be learning how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private and know where to go for help if we are worried about something online. Most importantly, know how to behave online in ways that do not upset others.	**French** The children will be exposed to the French language throughout the year both in class and through specific language days. They will learn the days of the week, primary colours and animals.
Key dates:	**Key information:** P.E will be on a Monday and Friday Home readers will be changed weekly.





